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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. (previously presented) Folded film used to create a package having a lap seal  
2 using an L sealer, comprising:  
3 a first film folded substantially in a form of a "J"; and  
4 a second film overlapping at least a portion of the first film, wherein  
5 the first film and the second film are coupled together in at least a portion of an  
6 overlapping area and the first film and second film are rolled onto a core to form a  
7 roll of folded film used to make the package.
- 1 2. (previously presented) The folded film of claim 1, wherein the first film and  
2 second film are rolled onto a tubular core to form the roll of folded film.
- 1 3. (original) The folded film of claim 2, wherein the roll of film further comprises  
2 core chucks on opposing sides of the tubular core.
- 1 4. (original) The folded film of claim 2, wherein the roll of film has a diameter that  
2 is smaller than a diameter of the core chucks.
- 1 5. (original) The folded film of claim 1, wherein at least one of the first film or the  
2 second film further comprises at least one perforation.
- 1 6. (original) The folded film of claim 1, wherein the portion of the overlapping area  
2 comprises a plurality of perforations.
- 1 7. (original) The folded film of claim 1, wherein the overlapping area further  
2 comprises printing.

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- 1 8. (original) The folded film of claim 1, wherein the first and second films are  
2 made from materials selected from the group comprising polyolefin,  
3 polyvinylchloride, polypropylene, or any combination thereof.

- 1 9. (amended) A method of forming film used to create a lap seal, comprising the  
2 steps of:  
3 providing a first film substantially in a form of a "J";  
4 applying a second film to overlap at least a portion of the first film;  
5 coupling the first film to the second film in at least a portion of an  
6 overlapping area of said first and second films; ~~and~~  
7 substantially center folding the coupled first and second films to form folded  
8 film; and  
9 rolling the folded film onto a core.

- 1 10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of coupling further  
2 comprises the step of creating at least one perforation in at least one of the first or  
3 second films.

- 1 11. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of coupling comprises a  
2 step selected among the steps in the group comprising coupling using a drag wire,  
3 coupling using hot melt, or coupling using static points.

- 1 ~~12. (Cancelled) The method of claim 9, wherein the method further comprises the~~  
2 ~~step of substantially center folding the coupled first and second films to provided~~  
3 ~~folded film.~~

- 1 13. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein the method further comprises  
2 rolling the folded film onto a tubular core to form a roll of folded film.

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1 14. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the method further comprises the  
2 step of printing onto the overlapping area.

1 15. (amended) A method of shrink wrapping an item having a lap seal using an  
2 "L" sealer machine, comprising the steps of:  
3 dispensing pre-folded film having a pre-existing lap seal on the pre-folded  
4 film from a core onto a separator table of the L sealer machine, wherein the pre-  
5 folded film is formed from a first film folded substantially in a form of a "J" and a  
6 second film overlapping at least a portion of the first film;  
7 inserting an item between the separator table and a first side of the pre-  
8 folded film; and  
9 sealing the item on at least two sides using a substantially L-shaped heated  
10 bar forming a substantially wrapped item.

1 16. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein the step of dispensing further  
2 comprises the step of perforating the pre-folded film as the pre-folded film is being  
3 dispensed.

1 17. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein the pre-folded film is already pre-  
2 perforated.

1 18. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein the method further comprises the  
2 step of heating the substantially wrapped item to force a substantial portion of air  
3 between the pre-folded film and the item out of at least one perforation in the pre-  
4 folded film.

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- 1 ~~19. (non-elected) A method of forming film used to create at least one lap seal.~~
- 2 ~~comprising the steps of:~~
- 3 ~~— providing at least a first film;~~
- 4 ~~— applying a subsequent film to overlap at least a portion of the first film; and~~
- 5 ~~coupling the first film to the subsequent film in at least a portion of an~~
- 6 ~~overlapping area of said first and subsequent films.~~
  
- 1 ~~20. (non-elected) The method of claim 19, wherein the method further comprises~~
- 2 ~~the step of repetitively overlapping additional films to a previous film and~~
- 3 ~~repetitively coupling such additional films to the previous film to form a roll of~~
- 4 ~~overlapping film.~~
  
- 1 ~~21. (non-elected) The method of claim 20, wherein the roll of overlapping film has~~
- 2 ~~a plurality of film portions of substantially the same dimension.~~

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